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25X1            14. [ ] Met with Senator Henry Jackson and brought him up to date on the problem of Senator Stuart Symington's desire to publish transcripts of the testimony of Agency witnesses before the Armed Services Committee on the Watergate, Ellsberg, and related cases. Jackson agrees that publication would probably be undesirable but points out that the pros and cons of publication have never been discussed by the Committee. He feels that the only way of preventing Symington from unilaterally publishing the transcripts is to have some Committee member ask that the matter be discussed in Committee, and Jackson feels it would be best if this question was raised by a Republican member of the Committee. After some discussion, we agreed I would see Senate Peter Dominick on the matter.

I also raised with Jackson the possibility of the publication of a Committee report summarizing all the essential facts without going into specific details on sensitive or troublesome matters. He thought this might be a good way out.

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- a. Public interest in Agency involvement has subsided and nothing would be gained by stirring it up again.
  - b. All the relevant facts regarding the Agency involvement have now been made public one way or another and the transcripts had little of interest.
  - c. Publication at this time would probably expose and embarrass some Agency employees who had been very free and frank in their testimony.
  - d. Perhaps most important, formal public disclosure of such detail regarding Agency organization, personalities and procedures, would create serious problems for us in maintaining the confidence and cooperation of sensitive covert contacts.

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